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SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Sir, will the Government at least consider the desirability of collecting these particulars regarding the backward class communities?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the backward class communities are already taken care of by the applications they make. It is unnecessary to make an enumeration of these communities.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received messages from the Governor of Madras recommending to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the following Bills as passed by the Legislative Assembly :—

(1) The Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962.

(2) The Madras Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) Bill, 1962.

(3) The Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Amendment Bill, 1962.

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also received messages from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly and signed by him, for the recommendation of the Council, and certifying that the Bills are Money Bills within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India :—

(1) The Madras Stamp (Increase of Duties) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1962).

(2) The Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1962).

(3) The Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1962).

(4) The Madras Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1962).

(5) The Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 13 of 1962).

I have also received a message from Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, regarding amendments to the Rules for the Co-option as Councillors of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes by the Elected Members of the Council under the Madras City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919) issued in G.O. Ms. No. 1190, Local Administration, dated the 23rd

May 1962 published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 24th May 1962 carried in the Assembly, for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO DEARTH OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ASSISTANTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will now take up the call attention notice of the hon. Member Sri S. K. Sambandhan.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Finance, to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the dearth of science and mathematics trained assistants in the high schools under private, Government and local boards managements as a result of which science and mathematics classes are allowed to be handled by untrained science graduates, which leads to fall in standards. There are some District Board Schools where not even untrained graduates are posted to teach these subjects.

Some managements have, out of necessity, to pay more to these categories of teachers, which are not taken into account for grant purposes. The Government are aware that the professional colleges like medical and engineering, attract the best of the P.U.C. Science and Mathematics group students; only those who do not secure seats in the above professional colleges, are taking to graduate courses in these subjects and teaching, since there is not much prospect of promotion in the teaching profession. So, it is most urgent and imperative for the Government to start more training colleges to train science and mathematics assistants and also to revise the pay scales of these teachers, to attract more of talented graduates in science and mathematics to the teaching profession.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to make the following statement with reference to the matter raised by the hon. Member.

There are 18 institutions for training of B.T. teachers (men and women) including the B.Ed. section of the Annamalai University and the Annammal Training College, Tuticorin, opened this year. Every Training College has facilities for training teachers in Science and Mathematics. It is expected that in these training institutions about 400 teachers would be trained in each of the two subjects, namely, Mathematics and Science. As the strength in the optional groups in the B.T. Course has not been fixed, it is open to the heads of Training Colleges to increase the number of students for Science and Mathematics consistent with the availability of laboratory facilities and with the permission of the University of Madras.

Consequent on the Madras Pay Commission Report, the scales of pay of trained graduates have been enhanced to Rs. 140—5—180—10—250 as against the old scale of Rs. 85—5—125—10—175 with